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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the adoption of certain animals confined
2 by research facilities.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 162.2, Code 2022, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Animal rescue organization*" means a
4 person other than an animal shelter operating on a nonprofit
5 basis to place unwanted, abandoned, abused, or stray dogs or
6 cats in permanent adopted homes as provided by rules adopted
7 by the department.

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 22A. a. "*Qualified research facility*"
9 means a research facility, including but not limited to a
10 regents institution, that conducts experiments on dogs or
11 cats for research, education, testing, or another scientific
12 purpose; and that receives moneys from the state or federal
13 government.

14 b. "*Qualified research facility*" includes a research
15 facility that conducts experiments on dogs or cats for
16 research, education, testing, or another scientific purpose, in
17 collaboration with a research facility described in paragraph
18 "a".

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 24A. "*Retired animal*" means a dog or cat
20 confined at a qualified research facility, if the dog or cat
21 has been previously used for research, education, testing, or
22 another scientific purpose; and the dog or cat is no longer
23 required to be confined by the qualified research facility for
24 any of those purposes.

25 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 162.10 **Qualified research facilities**
26 **— adoption program.**

27 1. A qualified research facility shall establish an
28 adoption program for retired animals confined at the qualified
29 research facility for placement in a permanent adoptive home.
30 In order to be eligible for adoption under the program, the
31 retired animal must have no substantial medical condition, and
32 pose no safety risk to the public, that would prevent the dog's
33 or cat's successful integration into a permanent adoptive home.

34 2. Once a dog or cat becomes a retired animal and is
35 eligible for adoption under the adoption program, the qualified

1 research facility must do at least one of the following:

2 a. Offer to transfer ownership and custody of the retired
3 animal to an animal shelter or animal rescue organization to
4 facilitate the transfer of ownership and custody of the retired
5 animal to a person for placement into the person's permanent
6 adoptive home. A qualified research facility must enter into
7 an agreement with one or more animal shelters or animal rescue
8 organizations electing to participate in the program.

9 b. Offer to transfer ownership and custody of the retired
10 animal to a person for private placement in the person's
11 permanent adoptive home according to an arrangement agreed to
12 by the qualified research facility and the person.

EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill requires a research facility receiving state or
17 federal moneys (qualified research facility) to participate in
18 an adoption program for dogs or cats confined at the research
19 facility that are no longer used for research, education,
20 testing, or other scientific purpose. The dog or cat is deemed
21 retired and the qualified research facility must provide for
22 the retired animal's adoption into a permanent home if the
23 animal has no substantial medical condition, and poses no
24 safety risk to the public, that would prevent the animal's
25 successful integration into a permanent adoptive home. The
26 qualified research facility must either offer the retired
27 animal to an animal shelter or animal rescue organization under
28 an agreement entered into by the parties, or to a person as
29 part of a private adoption arrangement.